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The News Wishes You a Very Happy Christmas

GENERAL OBREGON PREDICTS PEACE IN CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

CARRANZA COMMANDER IN CHIEF SAYS ORDER WILL BE RESTOR- ED IN MEXICO IN NEAR FUTURE. SMELTERS PREPARE TO RE- SUME OPERATIONS.

WHEREABOUTS VILLA UNKNOWN

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Big Increase in Business of All
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By the Associated Press.

El Paso, Dec. 24.—A Christmas message expressing the confidence of the de facto government in the early restoration of order in Mexico tonight by Carranza officials here. Advises were received by General Obregon, commander-in-chief of the Carranza army, of the tentative surrender of Gen. Jose Rodriguez and the largest remaining was said, is en route from Rodriguez's headquarters at Casas Grandes to arange terms.

The whereabouts of General Villa remains a mystery here. General Carranza has instructed General Obregon to dislodge his army westward from Chihuahua to pursue Villa. The pursuit probably will lead the Carranza forces to Madera, where four foreigners are held prisoners by General Meldinaveira under orders, it was reported, from General Villa.

A group of former Villa generals today conferred with General Obregon. General Isabel Robles was selected to return to muster out the surrendered soldiers. They are to be disarmed, paid, clothed and given the choice of joining Carranza in the campaign against General Zapata or be sent to the houses.

A number of large smelters are preparing to resume operations in Mexico January 15. Other industries, including extensive mining operations, are preparing to reopen as soon as communication is fully restored.

May Not Seek Foreign Loan.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Unofficial information has been received here that General Carranza will try to run the de facto government of Mexico without seeking a foreign loan until some months hence because of the prevailing high price of money. An effort will be made next month to finance a federal bank but funds obtained for this purpose would not be available for government use, although the new banking system is expected to do much toward restoring the country's credit.

Although Mexico now is practically bankrupt, the treasury empty and the national debt increased, Carranza said to believe that with a policy of economy his provisional administration will be able to care for itself for some time merely by using the ordinary resources of the country. The necessity for this course is urgent, for aside from the question of price, it is said Mexico would have difficulty providing security that would be acceptable to the American bankers who would be depended upon to float any loan.

General Carranza apparently is confident in the belief that there will be an enormous increase in business after the restoration of peace and the increased port receipts, especially at the northern ports of entry, and the tax incident to resumption of internal activities will provide adequate revenue for all purposes.

Officials here, however, are doubtful of Carranza's ability to go long without outside money. They point out that the bills the new government will have to pay include such imperative obligations as the resumption of interest payments on the national debt and charges incident to paying the arrears on the National Railways and their restoration. It is expected, too, that the ordinary expenses of government will increase instead of decrease, and it is known that it is planned to maintain for a long time the army almost at its present strength, something more than 100,000 men.

Snow Storm at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—St. Louis experienced its first snow storm of the year today and tonight, seven inches of snow being fallen between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The storm was general throughout Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, the weather bureau reported. Outlying sections of St. Louis and several of its suburbs were snowbound tonight. Traffic throughout the city was demoralized.

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STORM WARNINGS ALONG GULF COAST

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The weather bureau tonight reported a storm of marked intensity over the lower Mississippi valley, moving eastward, and advised that storm warnings had been displayed along the gulf coast from Brownsville, Texas, to Tampa, Fla., and along the Atlantic seaboard from Jacksonville, Fla., to Boston.

Cold wave warnings were ordered for the gulf states, Northwest Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas.

Sloops Encounters Storm.

By the Associated Press.

Port Arthur, Tex., Dec. 24.—The fishing sloop, *Porter*, of the Gulf Fisheries company, Galveston, reached Port Aransas, tonight after being swept nearly 200 miles out of her course in the Gulf of Mexico, and being derelict for eleven days. One member of the crew became insane and attempted to jump overboard.

Want Government to Have Control of Radio Stations

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Recommendations that the government control and operate all coastal radio stations within the jurisdiction of the United States and establish practical monopoly for the transmission of all government business, are included in the annual report of Capt. W. H. G. Bullard, superintendent of the navy radio service, made public tonight. The board of radio organization, the report adds, is preparing amendments to existing laws to work out this scheme which will be submitted to the secretary in a special communication.

Hospital Supplies May Be Shipped, Says Great Britain

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A statement was issued by the British embassy here tonight saying that Great Britain had extended its hospital supplies of all kinds—its prohibition against the shipment to the Teutonic countries of such supplies made of men.

Fourteen Injured in Frisco Collision

By the Associated Press.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Fourteen persons were injured in a head-on collision between St. Louis and San Francisco (Frisco) passenger train No. 823 bound from St. Louis to Memphis and a Frisco commuters' train in the local yards tonight. Several passengers were thought to be hurt seriously.

The wreck is believed to have been caused by the error of a switchman. The southbound train, after two hours delay, departed for Memphis. All the injured live in St. Louis or vicinity.



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Many Veterans from Trenches Will
Spend the Holidays With Their
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Berlin, Dec. 24.—(Via London, Dec. 25, 3:45 a. m.)—Germany is celebrating the second war Christmas under the worst conceivable climatic conditions. Snow had been steadily falling throughout the empire for a week, giving every promise of a white Christmas, but a 24-hours steady rain has converted the yuletide snow mantle to deep mud and slush.

In spirit, however, the nation is making of it a cheerful Christmas. Encouraged by the long record of German victories and the satisfactory conclusion of the Serbian campaign and having made up their minds there is no immediate prospect of peace, the people generally seem determined to ignore the probability of an indefinite continuation of the war and minor discomforts such as bread cards and other food regulations and will celebrate the great German festival in the traditional spirit.

A large proportion of the nation's manhood is in the trenches and bomb proofs. Last year almost every dugout and shelter had its dwarfed but gaily decorated Christmas tree and the men received Christmas gifts and other cheer from home. A similar condition will prevail tomorrow.

The army authorities this year have been most liberal in granting Christmas furloughs and thousands of veterans will spend Christmas with their families.

For a week the streets of Berlin and of other cities have been crowded with returning soldiers dressed in their war-worn uniforms.

All the merchants have been doing a good trade. The dealers in jewelry and other luxuries say they have virtually sold out their wares and the stocks of the expensive florists and confectioners are almost depleted.

The toy dealers and the establishments patronized by the masses also have done an exceptional business during December, which is considered to show there is no appreciable scarcity of money.

**Christmas Brought
to Pittsburg Kids
by Millionaire Frick**

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By the Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—H. C. Frick, millionaire coal magnate, announced late today that he will pay in full as a Christmas gift, all the accounts of the 41,000 school children, depositors in the Pittsburgh bank savings, which was done here last Wednesday by order of the state department of banking. The deposits amount to \$167,136.68 and payment will be made in cash probably about Jan. 3.

The same school savings fund was started many years ago. Through an agreement with the city board of education, bank collectors visited the 132 schools in the city weekly. Penny by penny the deposit of the children increased. Then, a few days before Christmas, an announcement was made by the bank that its doors had closed.

When Mr. Frick, who was in New York, was informed that the thousands of children whose depositors in the other banks of the navy were increased by 7,500 bluejackets, 2,500 apprentices, seamen and 1,500 marines during the years 1916-17, in order to man ships nearing completion was based, it was disclosed also tonight, upon the annual report of Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation now made public. The figures have been criticised in congress and elsewhere because they were below those of the general board.

Present Fighting Force.

There were 52,636 bluejackets in the service October 1, 1915, Admiral Blue's report shows, and with his proposed increases including the apprentice seamen and the force number 62,636 in 1917, or about 4,400 less than recommended by the general board.

Admiral Blue states that he bases his estimates on a report he has prepared November 19, which holds that all battleships under fifteen years old, all destroyers and submarines under twelve years old, half the cruisers and all the gunboats and necessary auxiliaries should be kept in full commission, the remaining ships to be held in reserve with nucleus crews.

Should congress authorize an increase of 7,500 men, he says there would be in full commission July 1, 1917, twenty-two battleships, five armored cruisers, twelve cruisers, fifty-two destroyers, twenty-six gunboats, fifty-six submarines and the requisite auxiliary ships.

In Europe would be maintained battleships over fifteen years old, five armored cruisers, eleven cruisers, eighteen destroyers, nineteen oil torpedo boats and four tenders.

The difference between the general board's figures of the necessary minimum strength for 1917 and those of Admiral Blue probably lies in the fact that Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, has urged an increase in the complement of each battleship.

Admiral Blue says this has not been done because it would necessitate putting more ships in reserve for lack of men.

In order to simplify this task the manner of making payments will be announced through the principals of the schools whose pupils are depositors.

**Christmas Eve Less
Solemn in Paris
Than for Last Year**

Paris, Dec. 24.—The second Christmas eve of the war was even less solemn than the first. Parisians are becoming accustomed to the unusual conditions imposed by the war and although no restaurants were permitted to remain open all night, the boulevards were thronged until a late hour and the traditional booths enjoyed an unusually good trade in toys and candy.

Hundreds of soldiers in French grey, Belgians in blue and British in khaki relieved the sombre colors worn by civilians. A brilliant full moon made up for the restrained lighting of the streets. Theatres and moving picture places were crowded to capacity. Services in all churches were attended as rarely before, the congregations being impressively devotional.

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LAND OWNER BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED

SYSTEM OF FARM MORTGAGE
CREDITS TO BE RECOMMENDED
TO CONGRESS.

Borrowing Associations of Two Classes
Are Provided for by the
New Plan.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A land owner bill, which is expected to have the approval of the administration was introduced yesterday by Senator Hollis of the joint congressional committee on rural credits. Senator Hollis was authorized to present the measure to the full committee on January 3. Already it has been informally approved by practically the entire membership of the committee.

The bill would provide for a comprehensive farm mortgage credits system under the control and supervision of a federal land bank board, which may be appointed by the president, with the approval of the senate. The country would be divided into twelve districts, each with a regional land bank having a capital stock of \$50,000, to be issued in \$100 shares to be purchased by the public. Any such stock not taken within 90 days by private capital or by local loan organizations contemplated by the bill, would be subscribed by the federal government.

Business would be done directly between the regional banks and the local banks, which farmers would be authorized to organize in the form of co-operative farm loan associations or joint local banks, chartered by the bill, which will be passed on by the land bank board.

Applications for loans approved by the local organizations would be recommended to the regional bank of the district. The bank would be authorized to sell bonds of capital stock to obtain funds to obtain sufficient funds to make the loans and the farmers would be charged as interest the interest on the bonds, plus 1½ per cent. In order to reduce the rate of interest on the bonds the bill will provide that they must be acceptable by the banks as security for the deposits of public funds.

The borrowing associations would be divided into two classes, those organized with limited liability and those with unlimited liability. They would appraise the land on which a farmer sought to obtain money and would themselves become liable for the loan. Thus the bank would receive the regional bank, the local association, the borrowing farmer and a mortgage on the land given to the association.

Out of their profits regional banks ultimately would remit to the government such money as it may have received in the enterprise. Payments of the mortgages by borrowers would be made on the installment plan, running for a period of not exceeding six years.

The land banks would be permitted to accept savings deposits and in certain specified cases to employ special agencies, including trust companies and savings banks, to make loans.

The completed bill is a compromise measure, entirely different from the bill of Hollis-Bulkeley of the last congress and most of the underlying principles of the Fletcher-Moss bill, fostered by the United States commission on agriculture. Senator Fletcher, president of the commission, was in consultation today with the sub-committee and will support the measure.

Wilsons Attend Program in Hotel

By the Associated Press.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 24.—President and Mrs. Wilson participated tonight in an old-fashioned Virginia Christmas celebration, held in the spacious lounge of their hotel. It was their first appearance in the public part of the hotel since they arrived Sunday to spend their vacation.

A big and gaily-decorated Christmas tree filling one end of the lounge was presided over by a dusky Santa Claus. Before it dispored fifteen negroes, whose antics and musical efforts kept the president and everybody else almost convulsed with laughter.

When Mr. Wilson and his bride appeared they found a crowd of merry celebrators, including many other honeymoon couples and visitors waiting for them in the large reserved place. Mrs. Wilson wore an evening gown of black chiffon velvet, with flesh-colored cloth at the neck. She wore a diamond brooch given her by the president and a small wrist watch.

It was near midnight when the party broke up with hearty exchanges of Christmas good wishes. Earlier in the evening the president and Mrs. Wilson, on returning from an automobile ride had been seated by a brilliantly lighted little Christmas tree, surrounded by a dove of peace.

Pope Expresses Desire for Peace

By the Associated Press.

Rome, via, Paris, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict today, in replying to the Christmas address and greetings extended on behalf of the sacred college by Cardinal Vannutelli, feelingly alluded to the "terrible war in Europe" and spoke of the immense carnage and cruelty as unprecedented in history. The pontiff again expressed an ardent desire for peace and said that in conformity with the wishes of many of the faithful he had consented to make an addition of "queen of peace, pray for us" to the litany of Loretto, and expressed the hope that the Virgin's intercession with God would soon bring an answer to his prayers.

Pope Benedict's reply to Cardinal Vannutelli's greetings was delivered on the occasion of the reception by the pontiff of the sacred college.

Burning of Church Charged to Couples; Parson Reprimanded

By the Associated Press.

Fairfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Ralph Shook and Mrs. Carrie Withrow, a widow, Ollie Bradford and Miss Eva Etherington were burned over to the Wayne county grand jury today on a charge of setting fire to the Second Baptist church in Hickory Hill township on December 9. The four were released on \$400 bond each. The church building was destroyed in flames soon after the congregation had departed, following an evening service during which two couples were reprimanded by the minister for their behavior in church.

Mrs. Deldrago's Gift to Italy Only \$2000

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Josephine Deldrago today denied that she has given \$2,000,000 to the queen of Italy for distribution among soldiers' families as reported in a dispatch from Rome last night.

"Among the several contributions I have made to the Red Cross and other organizations was one of two thousand dollars to a society which is under the auspices of the queen of Italy," said Mrs. Deldrago. "This gift was apparently raised to \$2,000,000 through an error in transmission."

A Merry Christmas!

*It's the same old wish in the wishing,
But the wish is warm and true,
For a merry, merry Christmas,
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—Omar—(Revised)

Good Morning

A MERRY XMAS

to You and Yours



Supreme Court Hands Down Some Decisions and Then Adjourns

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Austin, Dec. 24.—After recessing from last Wednesday until today the supreme court disposed of the following business:

Motions for rehearing overruled: E. N. Brown, trustee vs. R. F. Yoakum et al., Webb county; Grand Temple and Tabernacle, etc., vs. Smith Johnson, Bexar; Houston Light & Power Co. of 1905 vs. T. J. Conley, Harris; Emily Whittaker vs. Amanda Shenault et al., Bexar; State of Texas vs. I. & G. N. R. R. Co., Harris; Alamo Oil and Refining Co. vs. S. J. Richards, Bexar; Paul Stone Company vs. Reynolds Saucedo, Bexar.

Motions to advance granted (causes to be set later on): Ben Houett vs. J. T. Robison, commissioner (mandamus); Roper & Gilley vs. J. C. Lumpkin Co., Judge et al., Ellis; Elmer Marshall vs. J. T. Robison, commissioner (mandamus).

Motion for leave to file petitions for mandamus granted: A. C. Barber vs. J. T. Robison, commissioner, etc.; Texas Midland Railway vs. Becker & Cole, Kaufman; Texas Midland Railways vs. C. J. Fogelman, Kaufman.

Motion to dismiss overruled: W. B. Fordtran et al. vs. W. B. Cunningham, Harris; R. E. Cunningham vs. G. W. Irwin, Hunt.

Motion for leave to file petition for mandamus refused: O. C. Bundick vs. Joe Murray, clerk.

Motion to advance overruled: Abiline Ind. Tel. & Tel. Co. vs. John Williams et al., mayor.

Motion to dismiss granted and applications for writs of error dismissed for want of jurisdiction: Southern Tractor Co. vs. L. C. Harburt et al., Dallas; Mrs. Margie Cappa et al. vs. City of Longview, Gregg.

Thereupon the court adjourned until Wednesday, January 5, 1916.

Christmas Pardon for Witty. Special to The Morning News.

Austin, Dec. 24.—J. B. Witty of Waco is among the list granted Christmas pardons.

Pork Plentiful at McGregor. Special to The Morning News.

McGregor, Dec. 24.—There has been an unusual amount of pork killed in the McGregor country this winter. The large corn crop and the interest in hog raising for the past year or two has provided the large amount of pork this winter which will do much to put the farmer's business on a cash basis. Diversification is making good headway in the black land cotton belt.

McGregor Teacher Loses Purse. Special to The Morning News.

McGregor, Dec. 24.—Miss Daisy Etel had the misfortune to lose her purse containing \$40 or more. She is of the opinion that while shopping that it was taken when in a store when she laid it down to look at articles. Miss Etel is a teacher and was in Waco receiving her check and making her monthly report.

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HEALTH OFFICERS TO FIGHT TYPHUS FEVER

THREE CASES FOUND AT LAREDO AND STRICT QUARANTINE ESTABLISHED.

All Patients So Far Are Mexicans, Born in Texas—Situation in Hand.

Special to the Morning News.

Austin, Dec. 24.—The state health department will rigidly enforce the quarantine laws to prevent a spread of typhus fever in Texas. According to a statement made today at the state health department, there exists at Laredo, Texas, three cases which have been diagnosed as typhus fever and that there are three other cases under suspicion. All the cases have been isolated. The health department sees no occasion for any alarm, the situation being well in hand.

Orders have been issued to all quarantine stations to enforce the twelve day detention rule on all persons coming into Texas from infected districts in Mexico, also to thoroughly disinfect and fumigate all baggage and railroad cars.

The cases at Laredo, according to the health department, are Mexicans born in Texas.

Many Turkeys at Lott.

Lott, Dec. 24.—This town has easily become the leading turkey market of Falls county. There have been shipped from here this fall some times the 400 or 500 turkeys a day, the total shipment running up to the thousands. This has represented quite an item in the town's business. It has proven a very profitable source of diversification, and the probabilities are that another year will witness considerable growth in the industry.

Lott School Closed.

Lott, Dec. 24.—The Lott public school closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays, and will resume work January 3. All out of town teachers have gone to visit their home. The pupils of the high school last night at the school auditorium, presented a play that was well attended and highly appreciated. The proceeds will be applied to providing additional equipment for the auditorium.

The business firms of Lott have recently donated to the school auditorium a beautiful curtain and complete stage settings.

The Home Economics club, lately organized by Mrs. J. L. Landrum of the agricultural department at Austin, has a membership of about ninety. The club is planning to raise funds to procure additional furnishings for the superintendent's office.

All the churches in town will have Christmas trees tonight.

Adopt Baby for Christmas.

Special to the Morning News.

Dallas, Dec. 24.—Declaring that he and his wife wanted to adopt a baby for a Christmas present, a well to do Dallas man this morning telephoned to the Dallas Times Herald to know where the baby could be found. The Times Herald reporters got busy and the child, five days old, beautiful, burned hair and blue eyes, was found. It was taken to the home of the couple in one of the most fashionable districts of the city and presented to its new parents. It was a touching scene as the real mother kissed the little cheek a last farewell and looked from a drawn curtain through the window as the automobile carried it to its new home. On arrival there a big Christmas tree was in readiness. On it hung rattlers and other little playthings.

NOTICE IS GIVEN FOR RED CROSS SEALS

Tonight finds the close of Red Cross Christmas seals for this city. The sale has netted considerably more than two hundred dollars, an amount considered quite creditable considering the late date with which the seals arrived.

Every penny spent goes for relief of tuberculosis in this state. No state is more infected since we have such an influx of afflicted patients from other states. As general chairman, Mrs. J. W. Downs gives notice that she will gladly receive and forward any checks which may be sent her within the next day or two. Several have expressed their intention of so doing. Early this week Mrs. Downs will make her report to Austin.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS! A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

General Manager T. P. & L. Resigns.

Dallas, Dec. 24.—George S. Haley, vice president and general manager for the Texas Power and Light company, today resigned his position. He expects to go to South Texas for a long needed rest. He will be there three months.

College Students at Home.

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McGregor, Dec. 24.—Several McGregor homes are more cheerful by the coming of young people from the various colleges. McGregor has almost a score of young people in college this year, and among those who are now at home for the season are as follows: Porter Brown, Butler Westerfield, Don Haynes and Loretz Hackney from Southwestern Methodist university at Dallas; Mack Graham and Lane Grayham from Agricultural and Mechanical college; Louie Lyon and Grady Walker from Meridian College; George and Lucian Roach of Baylor university; Miss Rhena Nance from Milford; Bert Ford and Morris Nunn, from the University of Texas.

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Current Events IN WOMAN'S SPHERE

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KATE FRIEND, EDITOR

CHRISTMAS WEDDING COMES THIS EVENING

At 5 o'clock this evening, Columbus Street Baptist church, the wedding of Miss Essie Ruth Owen to O. A. Lester takes place. Invitations have been sent. Following the ceremony there will be immediate departure for a wed-ding trip.

MR. AND MRS. JACK SANGER COMPILATION VISITORS

As special compliment to the home guest, Miss Thelma Shusterman of Austin, also to welcome home from school in New York Miss Mildred Frounf, and in welcome to Lester Frown of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jack Sanger gave a beautiful dinner of seven courses on Thursday evening.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE GIVEN FOR THE HUACO CLUB

In addition to the Christmas dinner already announced, the Huaco club has sent card to member to tell of a special New Year's dinner. The request is for reservations at once. This comes on Friday evening. Dancing from 9:30 until 11:30 will be followed by midnight supper and jolly watch party in the club parlors.

MISSES SMITH AND SEARCY OPEN COLLEGE GAYETY

To the Misses Camille Searcy and Fay Smith goes the distinction of having sounded the first note of gayety for the college set. This was done in a beautiful Christmas dance at the Elks club. Invitations to more than the hundred young folks, also to a number whose presence gave dignity to youth, made the guest list. For the very first time boys and girls who had been widely separated during school term gave greeting home. The Misses Smith and Searcy provided for a dance of fifteen numbers, their two favors being dedicated to "Christmas" and to the college boy and girl. The greeting was given during informal conversation in the parlors of the club. Dassing to the ball room floor, guests entered a typical Christmas bower. With garlands of cedar, drops of mistletoe, and Christmas bells everywhere, the pretty effect was given. At the door stood Marie Bratzell and Ruth Searcy with the programs. Short intermission came for making engagements, and then it was dance until a new day came. In the meantime, from a Christmas table, punch and sandwiches were served all through the evening. Midway in the dancing the two program girls took station in the middle of the floor for the Christmas favors. Hand harps and horns and bells, everything which would make noise, was given. Then it was Christmas jollity sure enough. The college favor found lights lowered and another pretty effect reached. As guests of the Misses Searcy and Smith were the chaperones, Miss Ida Davis with Mrs. J. T. Searcy, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bratzell, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Puckett, with the Misses Nancy Joy Bratzell, Florrie Neale Cooper, Lee Ella Abbott, Mrs. Preblett, Adrienne Wilcox, Abigail Willis, Helen Foster, Mary Louise Woodward, Florence Fatten, Florence Freid, Ardath Ellis, Sallie Cartwright, Erin McDaniel, Lillian Taylor, Lillian Westbrook, Ruth Blair, Lila Fay Lucy, Wilma Shaffer, Mildred Moore, Nell Orand, Lucile Lewis, Mary Shelton, Emma Farrell, Mary Farrell, Lucy Lazany, Fay Hoffman, Bird Hoffman, Marian Duncan, Alice Bratzell, Bess Herrick, Roberta Rogers, Louise Miller of Nashville, Helen Miller, Virginia Eddens, Louise Irwin, Louise Lawson, Helen Williams, Lorine Moore, Dorothy Kepler, with Messrs. Dick Holt of West, William Fair, E. A. Miller, Dotsen Douglas Hamilton, Condy Wilts, Herman Olensbuch, M. E. Dugger, J. B. Holloway, Jr., Willard Wigley, Athrell Vick, John D. Mayfield, Jr., Robert McKnight, Richard Spencer, Cyrus Searcy, Key, William Puckett, John Moore, Jr., Kendall Smith, William Duncan, Ben Lee Boynton, Earl Farrell, John Horsfall, John Fort, Bickham Cartwright, Harrison Waite, Jesse Root, Berry Bratzell, C. B. McCollum, Jake Tirey, Howard Lazenby, Robert Eckles, Toppe Eckles, Martin Harden, Bruton Orand, Alex Dollins, Garrison Jones of Marlin, Will Mayfield, Stayton Bonner, Bina Adams, Scott Hill, Clarence Hulbert, C. H. Wakefield, also Messrs. and Mesdames Roy Goebel, William Dugger, Herbert Davis and Willie B. Wiley of West.

ONE OUT OF NINE DIES IN INFANCY.

Health Commission of Chicago Makes a Startling Report.

One child out of every nine born last year in Chicago died within 12 months from the date of birth.

This report, which John Dill Robert-

mediate host and hostess, members of the Social Needlecraft, husbands and children, together with few by special invitation, enjoyed a delightful Christ-mas tree frolic. The rooms were screened, wall, archways and door frames, in reception hall, parlor and dining room, with greenery, greenery and reds, not forgetting the always attractive bell. For the first hour the dining room was closed. Opened after the program of music and readings, all attuning to the Christmas spirit, the table was a white and green study, made so by clever use of snow ball, popcorn, and white cake cover. But, greater than all, was the glittering tree which sparkled its welcome as each one entered. For gifts, members of the Social Needlecraft had

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A WARNING THAT MUST BE HEEDED.

That warning issued by Surgeon General Blue of the federal public health service to the effect that every precaution be employed all along the Mexican border to prevent the introduction of typhus carriers from Mexico into this country should be rigidly heeded. This dreaded disease threatened at one time to decimate Serbia, and the reports of its ravages in Mexico have doubtless been underestimated rather than exaggerated.

Texas, which suffers the largest exposure to the possible introduction of the disease, would probably be harder hit than any of the other border states by reason of the very large Mexican population here, which, in the conditions in which many of the lower type of Mexicans live, will be rendered very susceptible to diseases of this character.

It is reported that thirteen members of the American and English colonies in Mexico City have contracted the malady, and other cases are said to exist in other foreign colonies in the capital. Three cases are reported in Laredo, Texas, and thirteen in Nuevo Laredo, just across the river in Mexico.

The Mexican authorities have promised to co-operate with American officials in keeping out the disease carriers, and there should be exercised the utmost diligence everywhere to the end that the disease is not extended to this state or country and that it is stamped out in Mexico just as rapidly as possible.

We have not heard from Governor Campbell as yet as to his political plans for 1916 but we have every reason to believe that he was waiting for a consultation with the white-haired democratic donkey, which he won at the Y. M. B. L. banquet to the public servants of the state in this city November 19, before announcing definitely what he would do. Now that this unfailing oracle has gone forward to Palestine by express so as to reach the ex-governor on Christmas day we shall expect an important pronouncement from the Anderson county capital within the next few days.

Our Christmas congratulations to Lamb county, out in the Panhandle section. The grand jury met the other day but there was nothing for it to consider. District court convened at Littlefield, the county seat, but there were no cases, either criminal or civil, to claim the attention of the court, and that body remained in session only an hour. The county is free from debt and has \$12,000 in the bank. Some of the students of efficient government might pay Lamb county a visit.

Daniel Oppenheimer, banker and philanthropist of San Antonio, who died December 7, can not be accused of playing favorites in his benefactions. He left \$1,000 to the Montefiore Benevolent Society of San Antonio, \$250 to the Protestant Orphans' Home of that city, a similar amount to St. John's Catholic Orphans' Home, and \$500 for the Jewish Orphan Asylum of Cleveland, Ohio.

In no city in the state were the news, messenger and other working boys cared for quite so liberally as they were in Waco and the Rotarians and others who made this large pleasure possible for the youngsters will find that it was an investment that will bring larger returns than if made in stocks and bonds or other forms of trade.

SAVE THE TREES, ELIMINATE THE SPEEDING.

A Lofty Message for the Day We Celebrate

We hope the members of the city commission will rescind their action in asking the park board to cut down certain shade trees in Cameron park and Riverside Driveway in order to eliminate danger from accidents. The roadways, both through the park and along Riverside Driveway, are of sufficient width and sufficiently free from obstacles of all character to eliminate accidents, or at least reduce them to the minimum, if there is careful driving, and the accidents in which the trees have figured in the past have been due more to speeding on the part of the drivers and the fact that amateurs were trying to handle cars than to the fact that the trees constitute an obstacle.

There is no danger from the trees if persons drive at a moderate speed and surely there is no occasion for anything else than a moderate speed in places dedicated to the pleasure of our people. There is danger in speeding and reckless driving, no matter whether there are any trees in the middle of the wide roadways or not, and these trees should be left undisturbed in the hope that they will prove and with the chance that driving carefully in the vicinity of the trees they will warn auto drivers at all times will unconsciously, if not otherwise, learn to be careful everywhere.

Liberal citizens have contributed Cameron Park and the Rotan Riverside Driveway for the pleasure of all the people. The trees are a physical and an aesthetic contribution to the happiness of the people, and we do not think they should be eliminated for the sake of making speeding less hazardous. The park and driveway were never intended for a race course nor as the scene of reckless joy-riding and a little more emphasis upon the enforcement of the speed laws, locking up some of the frequent offenders in jail for a season rather than letting them off with a small fine which they can easily pay, will have a much more salutary effect and save many more lives than cutting down the trees and inviting the speeders to "speed it up" to their heart's content.

ILL-CONSIDERED LAWS.

When an eminent United States senator confessed the other day that in a long experience as legislator, state and national, he had never understood the purport of more than one-tenth of the laws in regard to which he had cast his vote, he only admitted publicly what any honest legislator would admit confidentially, says the San Antonio Light.

Half-baked laws are our national failing. Every now and then one of them works so absurdly as to draw attention to the practice of law-makers in grinding out regulations without sufficient consideration.

Up in Boston an ordinance was proposed, recently, to prevent all "unnecessary noise" in the neighborhood of hospitals. Such a law is very proper and should receive the support, of course, of all good people. But the city councilmen did not consider their language as carefully as they might have, with the result that the ordinance defined as "noise" the sound of motor horns and cut-out mufflers, the cries of street peddlers and the playing of musical instruments.

The unintended "joker" lies in the last-named. It is clear enough to the layman what the councilmen meant—it was their intention to prevent street bands, hand organs and street pianos from playing within the prescribed distance, which was stated as "within one hundred yards of any hospital or other institution for the care of the sick."

But they did not provide that the "unnecessary noise" should be out of doors. Clearly, under the wording of the law, it would be unlawful to make any musical noises within a hundred feet of a hospital, either indoors or out.

Suddenly it occurred to some one that the stage of Symphony Hall, in which some of the greatest concerts in America are given, is within one hundred feet of a hospital wing. Of course the sound of a concert within the hall cannot be heard in the hospital, but the law doesn't say anything about that. It doesn't provide that the noise must not disturb someone; merely that it must not be allowed.

In this case it happens that somebody observed the absurdity before the ordinance had passed its last reading, and an amendment was introduced to rectify it. In most cases these things are not observed until some shrewd lawyer calls the attention of a court to them—and then they are buried into the waste basket by judicial decree.

Suppose this particular piece of half-baked legislation had continued half-baked and reached the dignity of established law. How horrified the musical people of Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue would have felt had the promoters of the Symphony concerts been arrested for making "unnecessary noise," all the more so as the charge might seem true to some scoffers if the arrests happened to be made on a Wagner night.

Santa Claus' whiskers were burned at San Angelo the other night but a little thing like that did not hinder the good old fellow from arriving in Waco on time last night. We have an idea that so good a man as he would be favored by a special dispensation from nature that would grow him a new beard in a few hours.

Truck growers of Southwest Texas are planning to plant exceptionally large acreages to cucumbers next year, announce the press dispatches. Evidently an effort to supply the demand for pickles, now that the increase of prohibition territory in that section will greatly reduce the number of persons who have been in the habit of getting pickled heretofore.

The editor of the Morning News does not desire to speak of himself through the columns of this paper, nor of any of his personal affairs, but this year, as in other years, we have had the privilege of receiving Christmas greeting from a very dear friend which we treasure so highly and in which the loftier sentiments surrounding the Christmas season are so admirably expressed that we feel we would like to publish the message in the hope that it will prove an inspiration to others, as it has to us.

"For you, as for myself, I would be readily recognized upon reading this holiday greeting, the author of whom is whose spirit is predominant, and it is for this reason largely that we feel impressed to pass his letter on to others, for so much that is not nobbling and uplifting has crept into our modern observance of Christmas that it is well that we pause on this splendid morning and ponder for awhile the original and deeper and finer meaning of the day.

So it is with the hope that this kindly message from a man who has not suffered material things to obscure his spiritual vision may prove an inspiration to all who read as it has to us that we are reproducing it as follows:

"Because I am your friend, let me on the return of the happy Christmas and New Year season, send you the kindest greetings of friendship, with every best wish for your highest happiness and usefulness, always.

"As we pass through these lingering hours of the Old Year and begin the New, let us devoutly pray that the

"G. W. TRUETT."

WILL IT BE A "RED CHRISTMAS?"

The Houston Post has a very vital Christmas message in the following editorial:

"There is nothing gratifying in the prospect of a 'red Christmas.' The dispatches at this season of the year bring scores of horrifying tales of passion and homicide. Just why humanity should select the Christmas season above all others for the spilling of blood is one of those mysteries that defy understanding.

"Apparently, hundreds of people fail entirely to grasp the significance of Christmas. They seem to think it a time for bestiality, drunkenness, murder and pillage, and it is anything but that. It is a time set apart to celebrate in a becoming way what the Christian world regards the greatest event since the dawn of creation. It is a time for happiness, but bestiality is not happiness. It is a time for good cheer, but murder is not good cheer. It is a time for self-examination, but rowdism and dissipation are not self-examination. It is a time for a manifestation of the divine qualities of our nature, but selfishness, brutality, ingratitude, possess no element of divinity.

"Many years ago, a movement was started in the United States to diminish the perils of the Fourth of July, and we have seen year by year a lessening number of casualties until now we may almost say that the country enjoys a 'safe and sane Fourth.'

"Why can not the people of the United States, especially those of the South, make some serious endeavor to have a sober and bloodless Christmas? Christmas can be enjoyed without drunkenness and anger. We can catch its true spirit in doing good, in spending a quiet day in the family circle, or in listening to the beautiful music which proclaims the anniversary of the Christ.

"It is a time for peace and good will, not for anger and brutality. It is a time for love and generosity, not for hate and vengeance. The South has been annually disgraced by bloodletting during the Christmas season and we fear we shall have much of it this time. But would it not be a good idea to begin in the coming year a movement having for its object a bloodless and sober Christmas?"

Just a little of the breath of Old Boreas to give a real zest to the Christmas appetites today.

The saddest Christmas story we have read in years was that of the failure of the Pittsburg bank for savings in which 40,000 children of that city had savings to the extent of \$167,138.68 deposited to their credit.

To its readers, its advertisers, its agents, its correspondents, its newsboys and all persons in general the Morning News extends its felicitations on this glad Christmas morning and expresses the hope that the season may have in store nothing but unalloyed happiness for all.

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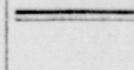
WALK-OVER BOOT SHOP

At this our second Yuletide in Waco, we extend to our fellow merchants, patrons, friends and to all the season's most hearty greetings.

We know of nothing that would give us greater joy than to have some share in fulfilling for you the old, old wish, "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

Walk-Over Boot Shop

E. A. MILLER H. L. DAVIS
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Xmas Greetings!

May You Have the Best Christmas Ever.

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The Manhattan Cafe

Extends to you all a Merry Christmas.
Special Christmas Dinner Today

Manhattan Cafe

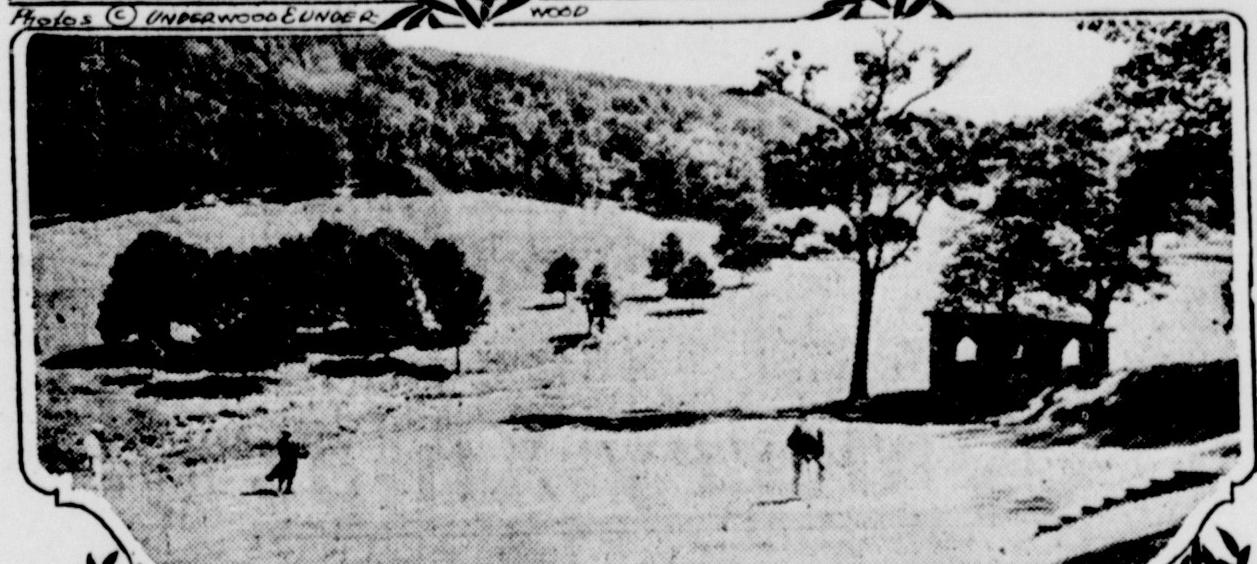
115-17 South Sixth Street

If you have still failed to find any way of becoming a Good Fellow invite some poor boy or girl to your home for dinner today, or if your impulses are generous enough, send a dinner to a whole family, or a load of wood or coal.

QUIET HONEYMOON FOR PRESIDENT AND BRIDE AT HOT SPRINGS



Photos © Underwood & Underwood



President and Mrs. Wilson; hotel and golf links where they are enjoying honeymoon.

President Wilson and his bride are spending a very quiet honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. They occupy a suite of four rooms on the third floor of the hotel seen in the photograph.

POLICE BLOTER RECORDS ORDERLY CHRISTMAS EVE

The quietest Christmas eve for many years passed over the heads of the thankful police of Waco last night. The caboose register at the city hall at midnight last night showed that 58 persons had been arrested during the day. Of these, 39 were brought in between the hours of 7 p. m. and midnight.

Opposite the names on the book were mostly terms describing offenses of mild character, in only a few instances did a super-abundance of booze and holiday spirit work upon a few gores and Mexicans to create a serious disturbance against the law and dignity of the law. Included in this latter classification were several cutting scrapes, which kept City Physician M. D. Baker in the emergency hospital patching up the participants. Five arrests were made for discharging fireworks.

"Considering everything, it has been a remarkably orderly Christmas eve," was the comment of Chief McNamara, who with a majority of the day force of police was on duty until the crowds had left the streets last night. "We are confident that the people enjoyed themselves as much as on other Christmases," continued the chief, "and we are very much obliged for their good conduct as a whole."

Object of Suspicion.

Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas used to tell this one on himself.

"I had an appointment to speak at a town in Eastern Arkansas on a Saturday, and I arrived on a late train the night before, carrying nothing but a small hand grip. I went to a hotel, where no one was on duty at all hour, except the night porter, general overseer. I registered, and he showed me to a room; but in a few minutes he came back and said:

"Boss, my 'striction is, when a gemma hasn't any baggage, to collect in advance."

"Why, I've got baggage," I replied, pointing to the little grip.

"I know, sir, boss," he said. "But you've stayed too long on that little grip already!" — Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Only One "BROMO QUININE."
To get the genuine, call for full name.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for
signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a
Cold in One Day. 25c.

Christmas Crowds Make Merry on Austin Avenue

What would Christmas eve night be without noise?

Ask the small boy and he will tell you, "Twouldn't be."

Ask the faint fireworks crusade,

the caution of state fire departments,

the decreases of mayors and the anomalies of dyspeptic elderly persons

on the heads of small boys, Christmas

eve night was a hullabaloo of boisterousness, a pandemonium of cow-bells and a Bedlam of noise downtown. Austin avenue was in an old fashioned mood last night.

Dame nature provided no snow for the occasion, so human nature provided it. There was confetti so thick that kids revelled in off the walks and had just as much fun as if they brought it at five cents for two packs.

A careful estimate puts about five-sixths of every sackful used for shovelling into the faces of merry maids all dolled up in winter furs. The other fractional part was divided between old maids and the masculine sex. These received an insignificant part of the man-made snow.

Practically every instrument imaginable was used to contribute to the deafening noise from the start with the muffled off to pretty girls with sportive mufflers on. Within there was plenty of bright lights, red fire, brilliant windows and the light which is found on neither land nor sea but only in the eyes of a beaming maid.

Crowds pressed, jammed, stepped on each other's toes, swirled, tacked, milled, bumped each other's shoulders; slipped, slid, scooted, pile drove on each other's bunion, but with most laughter and took the situation good naturally.

The "mostly" is necessary for accuracy because of a negligible quantity contributing to the human current that presented the opposition found in the mill-race. Among the snags that the human current encountered were sun-dry small boys of the bare-legged-in-December type who chief delight consisted in tapping innocent persons on the shoulder, their off shoulders and seeing them look around. In place of the welcoming friend whom they expected to greet, was the grinning small boy. The game worked fine except occasionally. The exceptions account for the "mostly."

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Fife crackers and miniature torpedoes

A Merry, Merry Xmas!
AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Crow Bros.

Steam Laundry

EXCITING SCENES AT CLOSE OF BIG MERCHANT CONTEST

There were exciting scenes around the big Goldstein-Migel store last night before the closing of the merchants' contest at 9 o'clock. The rapidity of the voting during the last two hours of the contest was a surprise even to the experienced managers in charge of the contest. Within two hours previous to the closing, the ballot boxes, each containing two bushels of votes, were filled four times.

During the last half hour five boxes were placed on the lower floor and these were all filled at 9 o'clock when the contest was closed. So intense was the voting that when the contest managers opened the seals on the ballot boxes at exactly 9 o'clock, the fingers of one of the contestants who was intently stuffing ballots into the already filled box, was caught under the seal.

Counting of the ballots has been proceeding throughout the contest, a battery of adding machines being in constant operation. The final votes cast last night, however, were sealed in the boxes and will only be opened in the presence of the judges. There remains yet about ten bushels of votes to be counted, which operation will require considerable time. The contest manager is hopeful of completing the count in time for announcement in the Morning News Sunday morning.

There was no way of estimating the number of votes cast in the contest last night, and absolutely no way of determining the probable winners. These will only be known when the count is completed probably tonight. Judges who will act in the contest are E. F. Drake, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; H. Hagedorn, Jr., secretary of the Young Men's Business League; Sheriff S. S. Fleming; City Commissioner John Dulin; Harry M. Baine, active vice president and general manager of the Morning News; J. M. Pitillo, manager of the Tribune; and C. J. Glover, manager of the Times-Herald.

Self Defense Is Claim of Negro Who Killed Another

Self defense is claimed by "Rut" alias Richard Trotter, negro, brought into the county jail last night by Deputy Sheriff John Steinbeck of Bosqueville, on a charge of having killed Ames Crane, negro, on T. B. Johnson's place near Bosqueville, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

Trotter claims that a dispute arose and that Crane was attacking him at the time of the killing. Crane died from a stab wound in the neck. Trotter has a deep gash in his hand.

Y. M. C. A. Bowlers to Roll for Turkey on New Year's Day

Y. M. C. A. bowlers will indulge in a turkey contest New Year's day and it is expected that a large number will participate. Not only will a turkey be given for first place, but a duck will be awarded to the man rolling the highest score and a hen to the man getting third place.

Employees Remember County Clerk Baker

Employees in the office of County Clerk John W. Baker clubbed together and yesterday presented their employer with a fine silk tie, pair of warm slippers and a handsome silk muffler. Mr. Baker has remembered each of them in his usual generous manner. He has been sick with la grippe for several days, and the presents from "the help" were doubly welcome on account of their timeliness.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. H. Hull, with the Santa Fe, is in Temple for a few days.

Dr. Marvin Graves of the State Medical school at Galveston is in the city today.

A. J. May, with the local L. & G. N. ticket office, is spending the holidays in San Antonio.

R. M. Bain, for years prominent in cotton circles here, is up from Galveston for the holidays.

M. B. Shaffer, city ticket agent of the Katy, is with his people in Bastrop for the holiday festivities.

T. M. Gauntt, city ticket agent of the Santa Fe, is spending the holidays with his home folks in Athens.

Berry Brazelton is down from Stamford for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brazelton, 1503 Austin.

Miss Maylewis Barnes is visiting her parents in Lorena for the holidays from her studies at Southwestern University, Georgetown.

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry H. Murphy and Miss Maude Murphy of Abilene are guests in the home of Dr. J. M. Murphy, 3105 Homan avenue.

Prof. J. B. Poteet, principal of the South Third street school, with Mrs. Poteet and their daughter, Miss Dora, are spending the holidays in Cameron with Mrs. Poteet's mother, Mrs. J. B. Moore. Mr. Poteet will visit his parents in Salado before his return.

Former Mayor Robert F. Milam of Fort Worth, who was a candidate for congress in the last elections, is spending the holidays with his brother, J. R. Milam, Twelfth and Jefferson, C. A. Milam and E. A. Milam, two other brothers, both of Glen Rose, are also visiting Mr. Milam.

Local Cotton Receipts.

Only forty bales of cotton were received in Waco yesterday, according to figures compiled by Public Weigher Sam Nix. Most of the cotton brought in was of inferior grade, bringing the minimum price of 10.25, although 11.75 was offered for the higher grades. Basis middling was quoted at 11.50.

Baby Son Born.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin, South Twelfth street, are the happy parents of a fine boy born yesterday.

Do You Suffer With Rheumatism?
If so, try Elmer & Amend's 2851 and get relief. Thousands speak well of it. Reliable druggists carry it.

A Merry Christmas

"God rest ye, merry gentlemen;
Let nothing you dismay,
For Christ our Lord and Savior
Was born on Christmas Day."

Old English Song.

Waco Trunk Factory

SOUTH BROS.

"Makers of Baggage That Travels."
711 Austin

A Merry Xmas

And a Happy and Prosperous
New Year.

J. C. Crippen & Sons

Thanks for Your Generous Patronage During 1915

—For the orders, the remittances, the kind words, the criticisms—I am grateful for them all. Each and every one has done me good.

I am stronger for the part you have played in my prosperity, and know if I have served you well in the past I will serve you still better in 1916.

I am ambitious not alone for myself, but for my patrons as well. It is only by making good for you that I can make good for myself. In that spirit I solicit your continued patronage.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year—I sincerely wish it for you.

Little Frenchman's Dye Works

A. FRIEDMAN, Prop.

We Thank You

For the welcome given the Cash Mercantile Company Stores from the beginning.

Wishing you one and all a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year—

The Cash Mercantile Co.

24 STORES IN WACO.

TRY A WACO MORNING NEWS WANT AD FOR RESULTS

A Merry Xmas

May Christmas be a joyful day,
Joys of the very best,
And through the year we hope you may
Have Good Luck as your guest.

HILL BROS. & CO.

"WORK WE DO STAYS DONE"
705 Austin Avenue.

A Merry Xmas!

A Merry Christmas to all—for this store counts you all its friends!

Our sincerest thanks for your generous patronage which makes this Christmas stand out as distinct from all others.

W. T. Farley

717 Austin Ave.

A Merry Christmas

And a Happy and Prosperous
New Year to You All.

Cooper Grocery Co.

WACO . TEXAS

A Merry Xmas

And a Happy and Prosperous

New Year.

Haynes and Dodge Cars

W. M. ODEN

708 Austin Ave.

A Merry Xmas

At Christmas-tide the open hand
Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land,
And none are left to grieve alone.
For love is heaven and claims its own.

—Margaret Sangster.

Herrick Hardware Co.

Spread Your Happiness

We wish our subscribers and the public generally a very
Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We suggest that you will be happier if you spread your
Christmas cheer to some friend or relative who is away. Independent Long Distance will help you.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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Seven hundred and fifty people are happy if a Christmas dinner in a poor home is productive of joy—and it has never been known to fail yet. The dinners were made possible by the generosity of the people of Waco through the Salvation Army.

Some hundred and fifty baskets were distributed to families, which averaged about five persons each. The largest family to receive a basket contained thirteen members and in a few instances baskets were given to individuals—the size of the dinners were proportioned accordingly. Each basket contained something like the following: Small size flask of tomatoes, can of corn, Irish potatoes, sweet potato, package of coffee, sack of rice, sugar, apples, oranges, bread, box of crackers, together with a chicken—the larger fowls going to the larger families.

Four hours yesterday men, women and children crowded in front of the distribution depot on South Fourth street and eagerly waited for their turn to present the ticket which had been given them. Each ticket was numbered and it had a corresponding number on a basket. Captain F. D. Burdick with his assistants had carefully investigated the cases before hand and that was necessary yesterday to present the ticket and get the fundamentals for a Christmas dinner. A genial policeman stood with arms across the doorway and prevented from pressing in and congesting the room with its long lines of baskets.

Each of the baskets with the pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars that were dropped by a generous public into the Christmas pots of the Salvation Army placed on various corners in the business district.

A Christmas tree for the poor children will be held tonight in the Blue Room of the city hall by the Salvation Army, and there will be fruits, goodies and toys to delight the youngsters.

Captain Burdick adopted the plan of giving out baskets for the homes, instead of having a big feed at the Army headquarters as held last year, because he reasoned that Christmas was a time when folks like to eat their dinner around their own dinner table—humble, though it be. He expressed himself as being pleased with the response of the public in contributing through the pot plan.

In addition to the dinners, and the tree tonight, there are many calls for charity that must be considered by the Army people and some of the funds will be retained—if there are any left over—to take care of these cases. According to the captain's statement, there are a number of instances of unemployment that need aid. He said that he had helped a few cases by giving several work in connection with the preparations for the dinner.

Gets Suspended Sentence; Is Now in Bad Again

Given a suspended sentence on a charge of forgery, C. H. Meyers is again under arrest on a similar charge. With two other men who had suspended sentences, Meyers was being taken care of by Sheriff S. S. Fleming until they could find work. And now Meyers is in bad again. Policeman Nimrods Sheppard having arrested him on the charge of attempting to cash an alleged forged check.

New Trial Denied to Negro Slayers

Judge Richard L. Munroe of the Fifty-fourth district court, yesterday overruled the motion for a new trial of Jim Williams, negro, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged. Williams is charged with having killed Allison Criner, negro, near Harrison Switch, July 15. The case will be appealed.

A new trial was also refused Mack Rose, convicted of murder in connection with the killing of a negro woman, Christmas day, two years ago, and given ten years in the penitentiary.

Runaway Accident Results in Injury to Man and Woman

John Nichols and wife of Ross were seriously injured on Franklin street yesterday morning when the horse hitched to the buggy in which they were riding became frightened, throwing them to the ground. Mr. Nichols was thrown from the buggy shortly after the horse became frightened. Mrs. Nichols being thrown out after the buggy had collided with a farm wagon.

Mrs. Nichols was carried into the Oriental drug store, near which place the accident occurred, where her injuries received medical attention.

Waco Man's Sister Dies.

E. M. Shiller, one of the city letter carriers, received the information yesterday that his sister, Miss Fannie H. Shiller, aged 37, had died early in the morning at a sanitarium in San Antonio. The body of Miss Shiller will be shipped to Victoria to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Shiller, for burial. The brother left for San Antonio yesterday afternoon. Miss Shiller is survived by her parents and six brothers.

Newspaper Woman Marries.

Joe E. Summers and Miss Florence Elliott, both of Eddy, were married in the parlors of the Hotel Waco on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, County Judge George N. Denton officiating. Both of the young people are prominent in Eddy circles, the bride being the Eddy correspondent for the Morning News.

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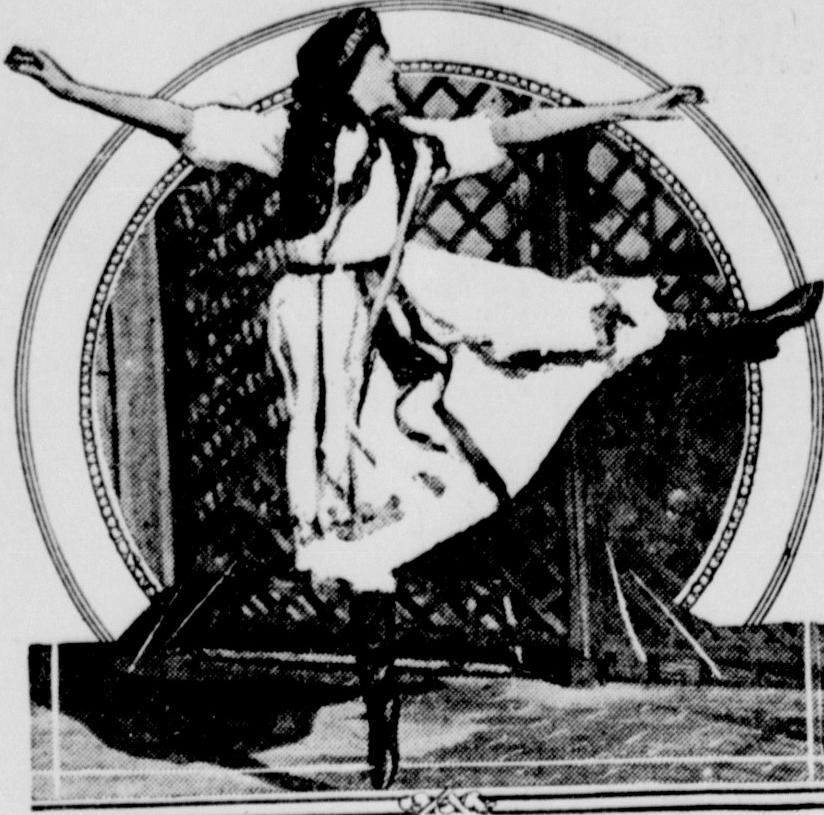
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Traditions of the Mistletoe

Universal Decoration of Yuletide, Which Has Come by Devious Ways Through the Ages, Has Sacred Origin as Told by Runes and Sagas of Ancient Angles and Saxons.

We decorate our homes with sprays of mistletoe at Christmas time, but few of us know the history of it as a Yuletide symbol. Pretty girls are kissed under it and a great deal of fun and nonsense is carried on apropos of it, but no one stops to think of how ancient a decoration it is or how sacred it was once thought to be.

Almost everybody has a vague knowledge that the Druids of old had something to do with the gathering of mistletoe, but just what that something was is not clear to the average mind.

The fact is that the ancient Celts in their druidical religion had two great festivals, one in June and the other in December, the latter being equivalent to our Christmas. In both of these great festivals the gathering of the mistletoe was a sacred rite.

Pliny in his natural history describes the ceremony. Speaking of the Druids' worship of the oak he says: "They believe that whatever grows on these trees is sent from heaven and is a sign that the tree has been chosen by the gods himself. The mistletoe is very rarely to be met with, but when it is found they gather it with solemn ceremony. This they do especially on the sixth day of the moon, because by the sixth day the moon has plenty of vigor and has not run half its course.

"After the preparations have been made for a sacrifice and a feast under the tree they hail it as the universal healer and bring to the spot two white bulls whose horns have never been bound before. A priest clad in a white robe climbs the tree and with a golden sickle cuts the mistletoe, which is caught in a white cloth. Then they sacrifice the victims, praying that God may make His own gifts to prosper with those upon whom He has been pleased it.

"They believe that a potion prepared from mistletoe will increase their flocks and that the plant is a remedy against all poison."

It was believed to be a remedy for many ills, and this belief is still to be found in many remote places in Europe. In Holstein, for example, the mistletoe is regarded as a healing remedy for wounds, and in Lacoune,

France, it is always administered by the native people as an antidote for poison. They apply the plant to the stomach of the patient and give him a solution to drink of it as well. The Gaelic word for mistletoe is "an tñil ìoc," which means all healer, and this is probably what the Druids called it in ancient times.

In the northeast of Scotland people used to cut withies of mistletoe at the March full moon; these they bent in circles and kept for a year to cure hectic fevers and other troubles. In some parts of Germany the mistletoe is especially esteemed as a remedy for the ailments of children, who sometimes wear it hung around the neck as an amulet.

In Sweden on Midsummer eve mistletoe is diligently sought after, the people believing it to be possessed of many mystic qualities, and that if a sprig of it is attached to the ceiling of a dwelling house, the horse's stall or the cow's crib, the trolly will then be powerless to injure either man or beast. Branches of the plant are commonly seen in farm houses, hanging from the ceiling to protect the dwellings from all harm, but especially from fire, and persons afflicted with the falling sickness think they can ward off all attacks of the malady by carrying about with them a knife which has a handle of mistletoe.

A Swedish remedy for other complaints is to hang a sprig of mistletoe around the sufferer's neck or to make him wear on his finger a ring made from the plant. Moreover they fashion divining rods of mistletoe or of four different kinds of wood, one of which must be mistletoe. The treasure seeker places the rod on the ground after sunset, and when it rests directly over the treasure the rod begins to move as if it were alive.

Like their Swedish neighbors, many German peasants consider the mistletoe a powerful charm against evil spirits. A similar belief seems to have lingered among the Romans, whose religion at a very early date was somewhat similar to that of the Druids. When Aeneas descended into Hell he gathered to protect himself from the infernal powers a branch of mistletoe, which Vergil calls the golden bough.

City Employees Get Early Pay Day for Christmas Holidays

City employees of the street and sanitary departments were enabled to enjoy Christmas the more by receiving weekly pay checks one day early yesterday. Saturday is the regular pay day for all employees working by the week, but the presence of the holiday season was deferred to by City Secretary John Davis by making out the pay roll and issuing the checks a day early in order that the employees might play Santa Claus to their families on Christmas eve.

Employees of the city who draw monthly salaries, including policemen and officials, were permitted to draw the full amount due them for the month of December.

First Presbyterian Choir to Repeat Christmas Cantata

Request of a repetition of the Christmas cantata "Star Divine," rendered last Sunday night by the choir of the First Presbyterian church, have been so numerous that it has been decided to repeat the performance tomorrow night, according to the announcement made yesterday. The rendition tomorrow night, which will be given in the church, will consist of some of the most popular solo and chorus numbers from the cantata.

Share Holders' Meeting.
The directors of the First State bank of Hewitt, Texas, have called a meeting of the share-holders of said bank, to be held in Hewitt, Texas, on the fourth day of February, 1916, the purpose of said meeting being to vote on the question of liquidating the affairs of the bank, also, for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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City Prisoners Receive Freedom as Christmas Gift

First-time prisoners for minor offenses in the city jail will be released without fines this morning when Judge J. G. Wren convenes corporation court, following an annual custom. Habitual offenders and those held on more serious charges than common drunks and disorders will not be allowed to benefit by reason of the holiday leniency.

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Change Made in System of Methodist Orphanage Here

Rev. Josephus Lee, who has been appointed as one of the two commissioners for the Methodist Orphanage in this city, has decided to make his home in Dallas, where he will be convenient to the orphanage and at the same time be able to attend other denominational matters in North Texas. He has recently been appointed as commissioner by Bishop J. H. McCoy.

The other commissioner is Dr. W. T. Gray, who resides in Fort Worth.

Dr. R. A. Burroughs is manager of the orphanage, and the two commissioners have charge of the financial affairs of the institution.

Mr. Lee, the new commissioner, has spent a number of years in educational and religious work and is declared to be eminently qualified for the position of commissioner. Dr. Horace Bishop, presiding elder of the Waxahachie district and president of the board of commissioners, declared that Texas was fortunate in securing the services of such a man, and T. S. Armstrong, presiding elder of the Georgetown district, also spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Lee.

At the Rex



Scene from "The Old Homestead," Denman Thompson's great play, picturized by the Paramount with Frank Laseen as Joshua Whitcomb. It will be shown at the Rex theatre Monday and Tuesday.

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THEATRES

HIPPODROME.

"A Soldier's Oath." During the making of the William Fox masterpiece, "A Soldier's Oath," work was held up by the Hoboken, N. J., authorities who labored under the impression that Director Oscar C. Apfel and his associates were German sympathizers, seeking to violate the neutrality of the United States. Part of the action of "A Soldier's Oath" has to do with an expose of the horrors of war, and, in keeping with that fidelity to detail which characterizes all of the productions by Mr. Apfel, nothing would satisfy him unless a forty-two centimeter gun was used. A New York big arms company turned out a dummy gun of the fore-mentioned type. The implement was so constructed that it could be fired once or twice without danger, and it bore every resemblance to the guns used in the shelling of Liege. The huge weapon was ferried to Hoboken, there to be transferred to the Fox studios, when it was held up. Hoboken authorities thought that it was destined for some of the German vessels interned there, and not until federal authorities had been called into the case was the "prop" weapon allowed to go to its destination.

AT THE REX.

Valeska Suratt a New Paramount Star. Valeska Suratt, the famous American actress, will make her debut as a Lasky-Paramount star in "The Immigrant." Marion Fairfax's thrilling drama, shown for the first time at Paramount theatres on December 20. It is shown at the Rex theatre again today and tonight.

The story has to do with Masha, a young Russian girl, who comes to America in the steerage to live with her sister. Two men on the boat, David Harding, second class, and J. J. Walton, first cabin, are struck by her unusual beauty. To protect Masha from the insults of one of the officers, Harding secures for her a second class cabin. Walton has noticed the Russian's beauty and is attracted by her. Harding secures the address of her relatives in New York and so does Walton. The husband of Masha's sister is a drunken brute, and when Walton offers the girl a position in his house, she accepts it. Later she is forced to become Walton's mistress.

In the meantime young Harding, who is a civil engineer and contractor, has secured from the government a contract to build a big dam in Arizona. Walton and his ring of political grafters plan to blow up the dam and

At the Hippodrome



Hippodrome today.

At The Nickel.



Charles Chaplin in "The Knockout"

At The Rex.



Musical Program St. Paul's Church This Morning

Observance of Christmas day in St. Paul's Episcopal church will consist of an elaborate musical program which will begin at 10:45 this morning. The morning prayer will be read by the rector, Rev. W. P. Witsell, and will be followed by celebration of the holy communion.

The musical program is as follows: Organ prelude, offertory on two Christmas hymns Guilmant Processional hymn (56) "Come Hither, Ye Faithful!" Vocal solo Fourth Gregorian Tone Gloria Te Deum Hopkins Shepherd Soprano solo, "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices" Preston Miss Sallie Keith Hymn (56) "Christians Awake" Offertory anthem, "The People That Walked in Darkness" Rogers Vocal solo Rogers Gloria (57) "Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn" Kyrie Cruickshank Gloria Tibi Cruickshank Sanctus Del Cruickshank Gloria in Excelsis Cruickshank Recessional hymn (59) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Organ postlude—Grand Choeur Dubois Fred E. Eggert, organist and choir-master.

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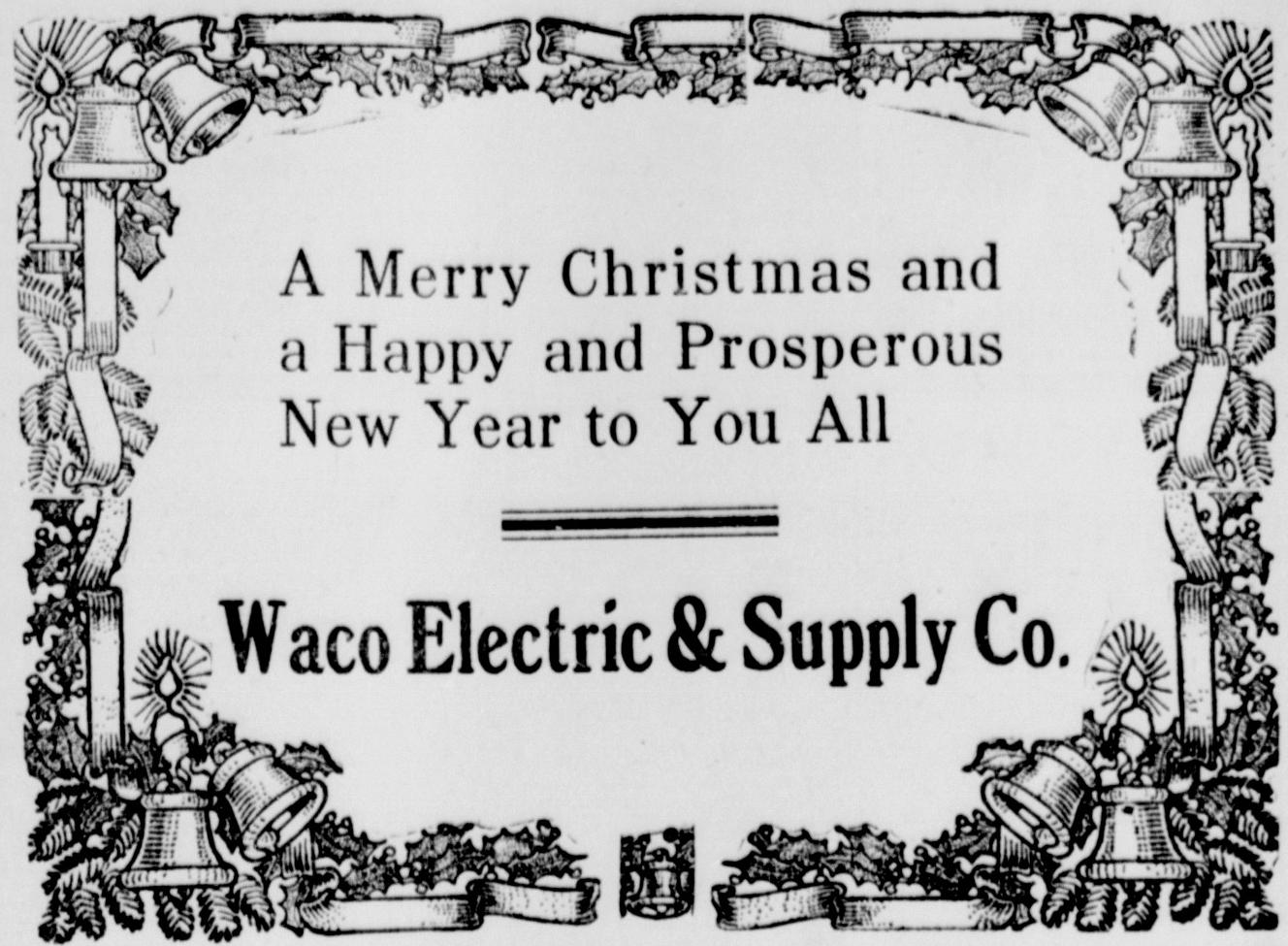
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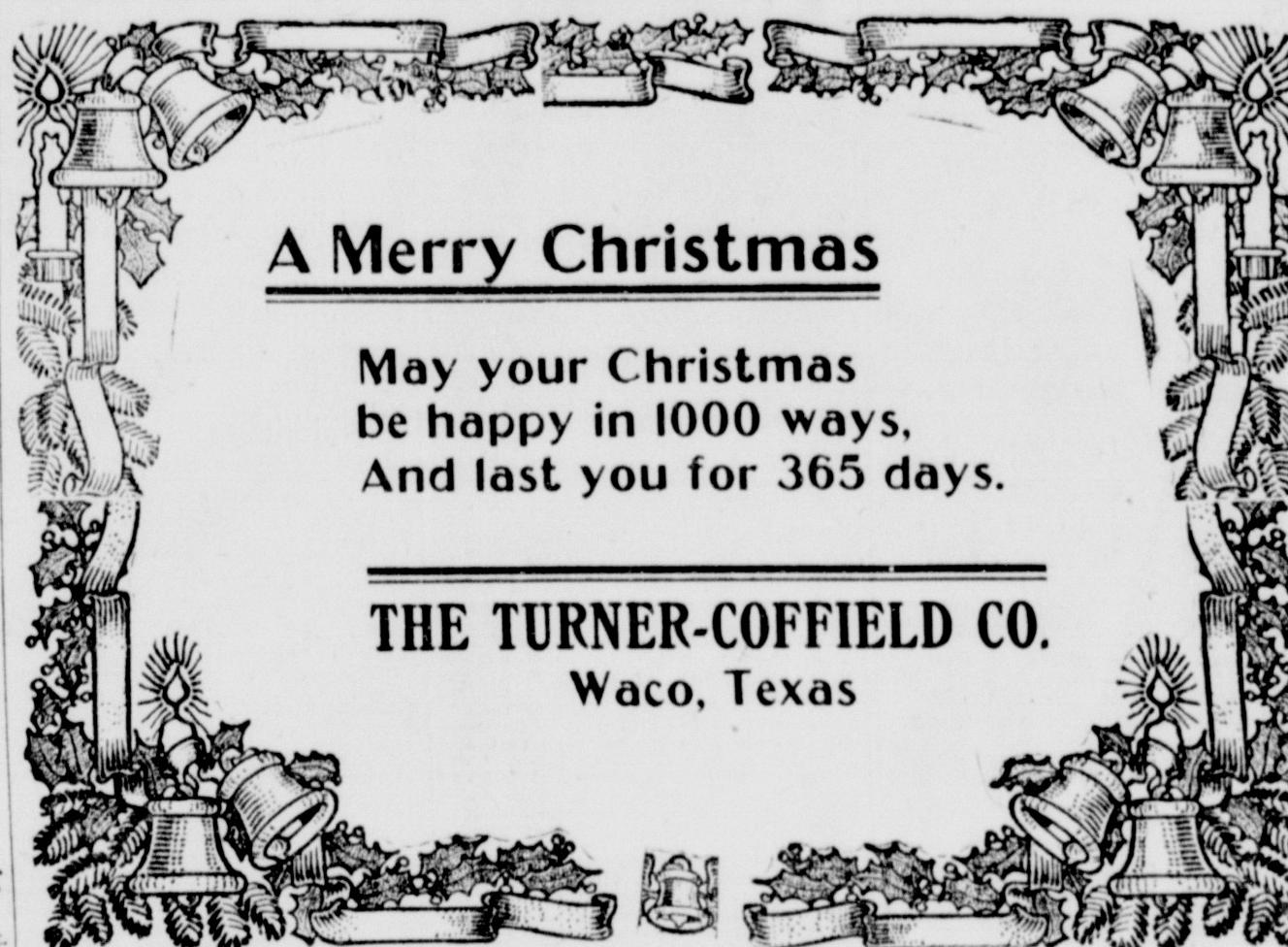
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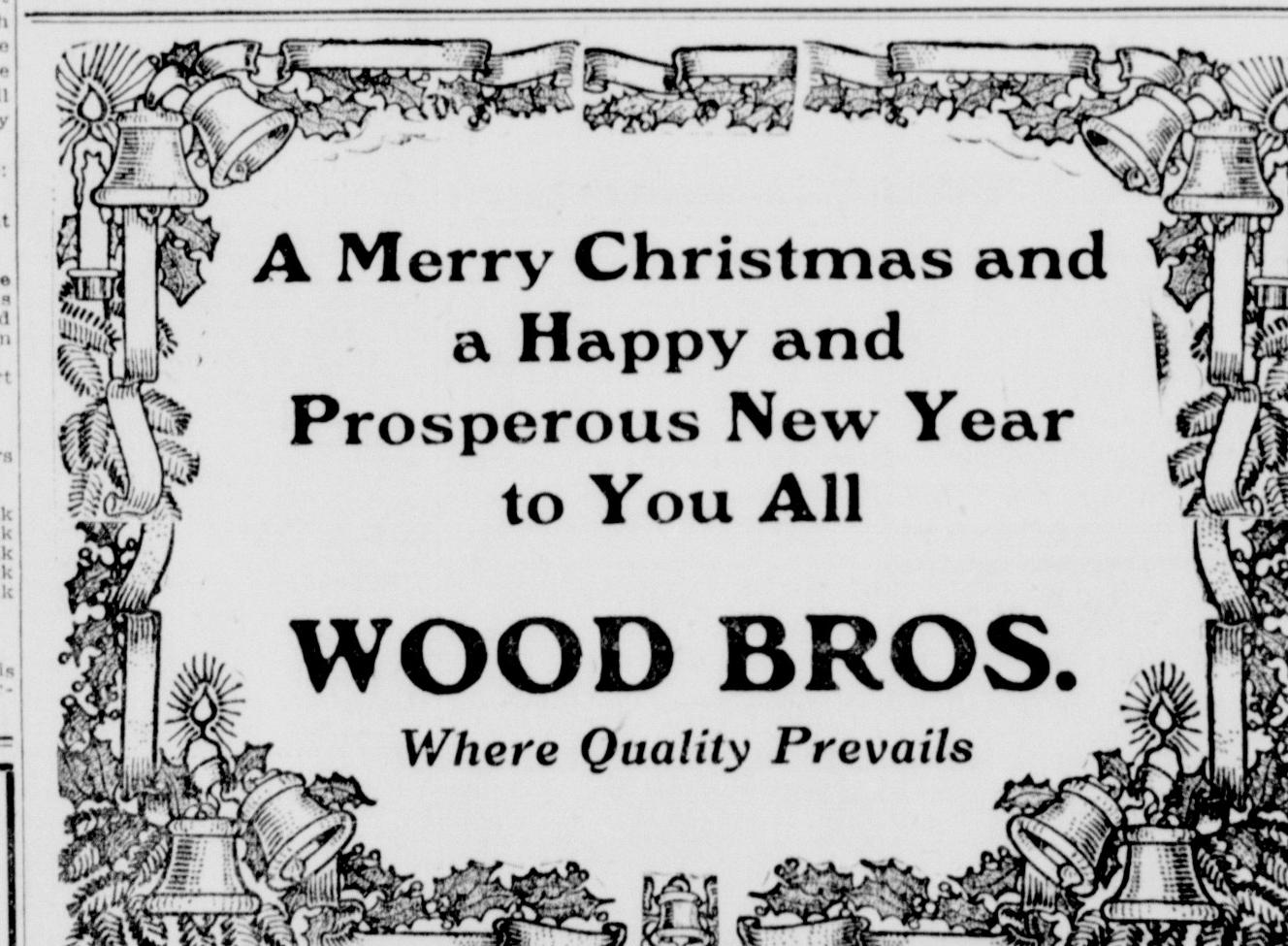
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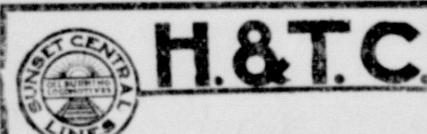
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MARKET REPORTS**COTTON**

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—After an early buying movement which sent March contracts up to 12 25c in the cotton market here today, business was very quiet with little done during the greater part of the afternoon to the exchange of holiday greetings. Prices reacted slightly, with March selling off to 12 21c but the close was firm at 12 22c for that position and at 12 23c for the others from 5 to 10 points on the general list.

As Liverpool was closed and will remain closed until next Tuesday morning, there were no cables to influence sentiment and there was nothing of general news that attracted any special attention around the ring. The market opened steady at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 2 points and almost immediately improved on a flurry of buying. January led the market, selling up to 11 30c, 15 points higher, while May sold at 12 20c and July at 12 66c, or 11 to 12 points above last night's closing figures. As the difference between January and March narrowed, cotton shorts seemed to secure their contracts more freely and prices turned slightly easier, with prices showing reactions of some 4 to 7 points toward the close.

Monday will be the first January notice day in the market, but a good deal of scattered January liquidation has been reached during the past week and the relatively steady ruling of that position this morning suggested that counts had been pretty well evened up.

It was felt around the ring that nothing might be issued on Monday against possibly 30,000 bales of the local stock.

The export situation again seemed to be engaging the chief attention of the trade and in some quarters it was claimed that the restriction upon hedge selling in Liverpool as well as the scarcity of ocean tonnage and the shipping difficulties have tended to restrict the outward movement this season. It was reported that ocean freight brokers are now asking a rate of \$2.25 per 100 pounds to Liver-

pool.

Weekly Cotton Review.

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton market has been comparatively quiet during the week, with fluctuations more or less irregular and with business largely in the way of evening up and adjusting accounts for the holding up. Liquidation by near months longs has been replaced by purchases of later positions in some instances, while spot houses have bought January against sales of the crop delivered at the prevailing differences. Liverpool has been covering new month straddles or transferring them into the more remote positions.

The census figures published on Monday failed to create any fresh excitement with regard to the probable export of available supplies, as the ginning returns were considered closely in line with the government's estimate of the cotton crop and the most discussed feature in the situation was the continuation of the export movement.

Further advances have been reported in ocean freight rates and it is now figured by local exporters that the cost of laying down Texas cotton in Liverpool is in the neighborhood of 4 1/2c to 5c.

The improvement in sterling exchange has tended to offset this advanced cost of transportation to some slight extent, but the Liverpool market of late months has been taken as reflecting expectations of still wider differences and the bearish view has been that owing to heavy cost of importation and unfavorable financial conditions abroad exports would be held down to meet current requirements. These considerations combined with the large supply available in the south, have probably accounted for the tendency of offerings to increase on advices but they have had little effect on the market hedge sellers.

Weakness in southern spot markets and the absence of pressure from that direction has helped to steady the local market on comparatively moderate declines.

Reports from the domestic goods market have indicated continued activity and mail advices quote some of the prominent Liverpool firms as estimating Lancashire consumption at from 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 bales for the season, owing partly to the increased use of heavyweight goods.

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At the highest the market was 14 to 15 points over last week's close and at the lowest was 6 to 14 points under.

Bearish based their selling on the small exports and the small demand for spots which they considered eventually would weaken spot holders in the south. In the early part of the week the international political situation was considerably unfavorable and ended in a truce.

Throughout the rest of the week the shorts were inclined to even up over the double holidays.

On the long side traders were encouraged by the continued refusal of spot owners to take firmly against buying.

Ginnings were considered important since they were accepted as confirming short crop estimates. Little aggressiveness was displayed by bullish traders, however.

SPOTS.

Galveston.

Galveston, Dec. 24.—Middling 12:10; receipts 11,093; sales 150; stocks 366,534; tone steady.

Dates.

Dallas, Dec. 24.—Middling 11:60c; market steady.

Houston.

Houston, Dec. 24.—Middling 12:05c; market steady; sales 94, f. o. b. 200.

New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Middling 11:60c; market dull; sales 200, f. o. b. 350.

New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—Middling 12:15c; market quiet; sales none.

COTTON SEED OIL.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mercantile paper 30 3/4c per barrel; oil 46 1/2c.

Spotting exchange: 60-day bars \$4.68 1/2c.

Barrel demand 43 1/2c, cables 43 1/2c.

Bar silver 53 1/2c.

Mexican dollars 41 1/2c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds regular.

Time loans easy: 60 and 90 days 2 1/2% to 2 1/2%; six months 2 1/2% to 2 1/2% per cent.

Call money steady: high 2, low 1 1/2, ruling rate 1 1/2%, last 1 1/2, closing bid 1 1/2%, offered at 2 per cent.

WHEAT

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Real Estate

FOR SALE—Two lots, 32d and Colcord; very desirable lots; will sell cheap or give good trade. C. R. Turner.

MODERN BUNGALOW, comparatively new, good lot, near Farwell Heights school. St. car only \$1250; payable \$100 cash and \$100 monthly. But this for Christmas. For immediate acceptance only. Burleson Real Estate Co.

WHEAT LAND, \$18 to \$30 per acre. One good crop will pay for farm. Real estate agents and public write for list. A. E. Burton, Cashier, First State Bank, Panhandle, Texas.

180 ACRES of fine agricultural land in Dimmit county, Southwest Texas, clear of debt, to trade for good residence. North Waco. Have cash buyer for 200 to 400 acres good improved farm land; must positively be a real bargain to interest purchaser.

MARSHALL & ZIZINIA, Old 135.

MRS. LOLA LOWRY, real estate and rentals. 306 Amicable Bldg., new phone 364.

NO 1—For sale or exchange, for city property, 10 acres first class truck land, 3½ miles from Waco on macadamized road. Well improved, has nice room house, with acetylene gas lights; has inexhaustible water supply and complete outfit for irrigation. No 2—80 acres, black waxy land, 1½ miles north of Lone Wolf, Falls county, Texas. All in cultivation, one house, good underground cistern; price \$80 per acre; \$1000 cash balance in ten equal payments. No 3—257 acres, 20 miles west of Waco, on good road, 200 acres in cultivation, Johnson or Bermuda grass or cockleburrs; this farm has two good residences, water price \$40 per acre; the farm would be a bargain at \$50 per acre. No 4—40 acres extra good black sandy land, 7 miles east of Waco, on good road; 160 acres in poor state of cultivation; these farms are real bargains for a man who wants a home. No 5—spindly stock farm, 200 acres in tract; 7 miles east of Waco, on good road; 150 acres rich, level, bottom soil, solid Johnson grass, balance upland; improvements, price \$40 per acre, which is a bargain, etc. etc. I have many other bargains in both large and small tracts near Waco. If you can be interested, it will pay you to see me. My motto in the real estate business is fair and square dealing. In selling giving a man your very best price first in exchanging, get each party down to a money basis, then there is no need of misrepresenting the facts and what you say has some weight. T. W. Glass, real estate, and loans, office Second and Franklin streets, old phone 503, new phone 1432.

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For Sale—Farms and Ranches

WANTED—To lease to a good man who understand farming, 100 to 250 acres irrigated land in the Fecor valley. As good land as there is in the valley, with good water privileges. Also 165 acres land, etc., in League, Texas, with good tenant houses. Also about 2100 acres land on International & Great Northern railroad at Peeler Station; only about 100 acres in cultivation, balance mostly timber. We can furnish some teams and wagons for one of the farms. References required. Write Early-Foster Co., Waco.

FOR SALE—Rich black dirt from Cremona building. New phone 928. W. E. Jackson.

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For Sale or Trade

POSITIVELY BRAND NEW No. 9 Prin-type Oliver typewriter to trade for Burroughs adding machine in good condition. Inquire for Mr. Henderson, Powers-Kelly Drug Co.

WANTED—To sell \$775 piano player for \$225, or will trade for Ford auto; also offer piano at one-third cost. N. M. Gay.

TO TRADE—A beautiful new, modern brick-veneered residence, nicely located in San Antonio, facing San Pedro Park, for Waco property. Has every convenience. If you have something worth while, write or phone Early-Foster Co., Waco.

FOR TRADE—A fine mare and an A-1 Columbus buggy to exchange for a good vendor's limo note. Mrs. Fannie Sparks, 1000 Washington St., new phone 2073.

SCHOLARSHIP in a Waco business college for sale, or will trade for a diamond Address scholarship, care Morning News.

WANTED—To exchange \$2000 to \$100,000 worth of well located Waco real estate for Central Texas Exchange Nat. Bank stock. Address P. O. Drawer No. 74, Waco.

TRADE your old shoes for new ones; do it this way: Bring them down and have them made new—it's like trading The Dixie, 625 Austin Ave.

Stores, Offices and Warehouses

FOR RENT—Rear half our store, 418 Austin; good place for millinery, tailoring or shop school; good light, rent reasonable. McRee-Grimland Co.

50-FOOT building, 5th St., between Austin and Franklin, suitable for garage, etc., or will remodel. Phone H. M. Baine, No. 1132.

Furniture Dealers.

MARLOW BROS.—We buy, rent, sell and exchange new and second-hand furniture. 610 Franklin St.

For Rent—Miscellaneous

FOR RENT—Brick business building on Washington street near Eighth. Apply E. W. Marshall. Phone old 1356, new 650.

For Sale—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—Columbus rubber tired carriage, cheap; second-hand; in good order. New phone 482. James B. Baker.

NEW CROP PECANS in any quantity, wholesale or retail. Louis Lipsitz, 161-167 Franklin St., new phone 195, old phone 1865.

FOR SALE—Family horse. Can be seen at my residence, 1427 N. 5th St. I. J. Mayfield.

FOR SALE—A pair of large farm mules, about 15 hands high and one-horse dray. Can be bought cheap. Behrens Drug Co., Waco, Tex.

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Rooms for Rent

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms and bath; also screened-in back porch. 1224 Clay. Ring new phone 1896X.

FOR RENT—Large front room, either to couple or gent. Apply 525 S. 4th.

A LADY TO RENT nice large southeast room with bath; additional private room co-operative housekeeping if desired meals furnished within the block. Teacher or business woman preferred. Apply new phone 167, old phone 2173.

BIG furnished front room, gas heat, hot water in bath. 293 Austin, new phone 286Z.

FOR SALE—Sanitary couch, refrigerator; patented ironing board, furnace and irons. New phone 1435.

FOR SALE—Talking machine records and ferns cheap. New phone 2389.

FOR SALE—5000 cords dry oak wood, delivered any part of the city, at \$4 per cord. Simmons Feed and Fuel Co., both phones 87.

NEW MOTORCYCLE, cost \$175, want \$75. Rubber-tired phaeton, used 8 months, want \$125, want \$40. 1000 N. 18th St. S. W. phone 2331.

HORSES AND BUGGY. A well-built, high strung mare, in good condition and an A-1 Columbus buggy for price right. Phone 2073 new, or call at 1000 Washington. Mrs. Fannie Sparks.

FOR SALE—Fifteen pairs of White King Liggetts. These are extra large and pure white; noted for squat raising. A useful Christmas present that would long be remembered. Miss Cole, 1003 N. 5th St.

FOR SALE—Fifty pair Carneaux pigeons. They are very fast breeders and produce squabs that will weigh one pound or more at weeks old. Carneaux squabs sell readily at \$3 to \$4 a dozen. 1924 Washington St.

FOR SALE—At a bargain 5-passenger Marion; in good shape. \$550. J. C. Kilgore & Co., phones 1013, 618 Franklin St.

FOR SALE—Three different makes of automobiles suitable for making trucks. These can be bought reasonable. J. C. Kilgore & Company, 620-622 Franklin St. Phones 1013.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—Hot air heater. New phone 1814V.

FOR SALE—Winchester 12-gauge pump gun, in first-class condition. Will sell cheap for cash. Address Box 151, care News.

FOR SALE—Household goods, including new Hoosier Cabinet and two rugs. Inquire at 1317 N. 11th.

FOR SALE—Several thousand young seedling pecan trees, 4 to 10 feet in height, all alfa, sorgum, hot and straw; also two nice young horses. M. Falkner, both phones.

WANTED—An institution that is thoroughly reliable to do my shoe repairing. See the Dixie, 625 Austin Ave.

A SET OF standard silverplated band instruments, almost new; some never unpacked, at almost half price. Charles Parker, Waco, Texas, new phone 1137, 508½ Franklin St.

KINDLING, kindling, kindling—Big load of dry kindling, delivered anywhere in the city for \$1.50. Both phones No. 26.

FURNITURE ON EASY PAYMENTS

DIG STOCK, Best robes, Best pictures, Twenty-seven years in Waco. Not in high rent district. Walk a block and save a dollar. 105-107 Washington St. New Phone 531. Old Phone 691.

FOR SALE—Willis utility truck. Used only for demonstrations, run about 1000 miles. This will be sold at a real bargain. J. C. Kilgore & Co., 620-622 Franklin St.

FOR SALE—Beautiful suburban home, one mile out on Robinson road; four-room house and three baths. Will exchange for unencumbered Waco property. John M. Connor. Both phones 88.

Houses and Flats for Rent

FOR RENT—Or lease, for one year or more to responsible party, my home of ten rooms, gas, light, hot and cold water. Close in. 1000 N. S. Alexander, new phone 642, or 1075.

FOR RENT—Desirable 5-room house; modern conveniences, close price to right. Old phone 574.

FOR RENT—House suitable for two families; fully furnished; separate baths; conveniences; \$25. 828 N. 20th, old 1018.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Nice large house, N. 12th; close in; splendid location for boarding house. C. R. Turner.

FOR RENT—Nice home with 10 acres or more, 1 mile from limits. H. B. Slight, new phone 2215Y.

FOR RENT—A grocery store, wood yard and 4-room house, all for \$20; thick setment. 620 S. 12th St., old phone 1397.

FOR RENT—3 furnished rooms for light housekeeping, or two unfurnished. All conveniences. Old phone 1737.

WANTED—Diamond ring at Central Presbyterian church Sunday night. Liberal reward for return to Mrs. J. W. Carroll, care Morning News.

FOR RENT—A cottage, with all modern conveniences, located 1528 Columbus St. Apply Simmons Feed and Fuel Co., both phones 87.

7-ROOFS, HOUSE, modern conveniences. 1123 Columbus St. Apply 221 N. 11th St., old phone 1233.

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Room and Board

FOR RENT—Rooms, with or without board. 701 Columbus. New phone 1518X.

Moving and Storage

MOVING, PACKING, STORAGE AND SHIPPING—We move anything. Phone 1104.

FOR RENT—Between L. G. N. and M. K. & T. passenger depots, one red leather hand bag. Finder will please notify Ray McDonald, Box 1013, Austin, and receive reward.

LOST—A memorandum book with names and addresses, between 10th and 11th Clay. For reward return to 316 N. 13th.

LOST—One fawn colored, heavy-set crumpled horned Jersey cow. Ring either phone 2263 any information as to whereabouts.

FOUND—Small brooch. Owner may have same by describing pin and paying for ad.

EXPERT CARPET CLEANING, vacuum cleaner; reasonable prices. Wilson's carpet cleaning shop, new phone 1831.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids for furnishing all material and labor and constructing a six-inch sanitary sewer lateral, 334 feet in length, will be received in the office of the City Engineer of Waco, at City Hall up to 4 o'clock p.m. Dec. 28, 1915, at which time they will be opened by the City Engineer and the undersigned and contract let to the lowest and best bidder, the right to select any and all bids is reserved. Specifications and plans on file in the office of the city engineer.

(Signed) W. E. LESSING.

Brick Manufacturers.

BUILD WITH BRICK—Patronize home manufacturers. Harris Brick Co., 1114 Dallas St., new phone 2476.

Special Notice

FARMERS IMPROVEMENT BANK, 109 Bridge St., new phone 996, invites your account. Safety first our motto.

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EAT the famous chili and the special chicken soup prepared by Mrs. Jose Digna Milano, 413 Franklin.

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ATTENTION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Members of Waco Commandery No. 10 K. T. will hold the regular Christmas observance Saturday, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m., in the new Masonic Temple, Royal Arch and Master Masons are cordially invited to meet with us. V. F. COLEMAN, Acting Com. J. F. BRINKERHOFF, Rec.

Parcels Post Supplants Santa's Reindeer Sleigh

Small Boy Looking at the Santa pictures in the papers—"Mamma, ain't old Santa Claus got any reindeer any more? I can't find them in the pictures?"

Logical Mamma—"No, dearie; he uses the parcels post now."

Mother was right according to the volume of business which has been done at the Waco postoffice this year. A guess at the situation by Postmaster W. H. Hoffmann places the number of parcels at one and one-half times the amount of business that was done during the Christmas season last year.

It was impossible to get at the exact number that have been sent out, the problem being about as simple as the proverbial problem of counting the sands on the seashore. The men who handle the packages roughly estimate that they have been handling about a carload of parcels a day for the past four days. When one thinks of the dainty little packet fixed by Mary for Jamie and the candies and cookies same need not to be a big roomy sled bagage or mail car some idea of the number sent can be imagined.

Every possible convenience was furnished to the senders, and the crowds of eager Christmas givers were handled with dispatch and system. The postoffice reserves were brought out; meaning every available man at full tilt in the mailing departments proper, and Postmaster Hoffmann and his stenographer, Mr. Hoffmann presided over a table surrounded by scales,

stamps of every denomination and courteously answered foolish and sensible questions alike as he deftly weighed the packages and often obliquely "licked" the stamps. The young man of the postmaster's office was occupied in a similar manner.

As soon as wrapped the packages were dropped into a large wicker basket and employees hauled these into the mailing rooms and supplied fresh baskets. With the two tables and regular stamp window, there were three tributary streams to the overflow of packages that kept up ceaselessly for four days.

The income of packages yesterday was comparatively light—a day formerly when everybody it seemed waited to send their Christmas mail.

"This year was marked by the people mailing their packages earlier than ever before," said Postmaster Hoffmann, and it carried with it an implied appreciation of the fact that people are applying the "shop early" religion into the mailing season.

Out of the thousands and thousands of parcels only three were held up for having no addresses whatever on them—an almost incredible record. But despite the showing, three folks will wonder they did not get a remembrance from some one very dear, perhaps, and three others folks will marvel that there is no happy thanks for presents sent—all because in three instances the gospel of "Safety First" preached by the postoffice department has been ignored.

Dear old Santa, how did you ever get along without the parcels post?

Detective Unwittingly Assists Santa Claus

If Officer Bob Buchanan ever has any occasion to use an "alias" he might select Santa Claus for his nom de plume with a clear conscience. A little negro home over on the East Side today is joyously preparing to receive its Christmas turkey, whereas without Officer Buchanan's detective instinct there would have been a turkeyless dinner and a dismal cabin, not to mention hungry pickaninnies. The plans for a piping hot turkey for dinner with heavy dressing oozing out like lava from a volcano crater would have gone higher than a Zeppelin. Mournful pickaninnies would have rolled on the floor nursing empty "tummies" instead of howling from the old orthodox pain caused by too much stuffing and cranberry sauce.

Officer Buchanan returning home after being on duty through the night, saw the two negroes with their pilfered cargo and straightaway imagined something was wrong and haled the whole caboose before a prize court at their door.

The turkeys were placed in one cell and the negroes in another.

The officer, whose owner was found and the turkeys were eagerly claimed by the negro mammy and were taken back to fulfill their mission of being sacrificed on the block for the edification of a bunch of pickaninnies at Christmas dinner.

The two negro thieves will have a dinner, too—in the city jail and turkeyless.

In the early gray dawn yesterday

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